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SUBJECT: FAHMY ON SYRIA

REF: STATE 248422 (TOSEC 160022)

1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING, HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT WE HAVE NOT AS YET TAKEN ANY FIRM ACTION WITH KING HUSSEIN TO BREAK UP THE SYRIAN-JORDANIAN COMMON FRONT THAT HAS DEVELOPED. HE CONTINUED TO URGE THAT WE DO SO AND NOTED PRESIDENT SADAT HAD SPOKE STRONGLY YESTERDAY TO VISITING JORDANIAN PRIMEMIN ZID RIFAI ON THE SUBJECT. (I WAS AT THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE YESTERDAY TALKING WITH MRS. SADAT IN THE STUDY ADJOINING THE DRAWING ROOM WHERE SADAT WAS MEETING WITH ZAID RIFAI. ALTHOUGH I COULD NOT MAKE OUT WHAT WAS BEING SAID, SADAT WAS SPEAKING UNUSUALLY LOUDLY TO HIS VISITOR AND OBVIOUSLY DELIVERED HIMSELF OF SOME STRONG VIEWS. I DID NOT KNOW AT THE TIME THAT ZAID RIFAI WAS THERE.)

2. FAHMY MADE RENEWED PITCH FOR SOME STRONG ACTION ON OUR PART TO WEAN JORDAN AWAY FROM SYRIA. SO LONG AS THE COMMON FRONT CONTINUES, HE ARGUED, ASAD IS FEELING HIS OATS AND ENJOYING AN ENHANCED CAPABILITY TO MAKE TROUBLE. ASAD IS CURRENTLY PLAYING HIS SOVIET CONNECTION, HIS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN, THE THAW THAT HE IS SEEKING TO DEVELOP WITH IRAQ, AND HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO US SPONSORED SECOND DISENGAGEMENT TALKS IN ORDER TO POSE AS THE ARAB REGIONAL HERO AND TO PILLORY THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. IN FAHMY'S WORDS, HE IS ALSO HOPING

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TO "EMBEZZLE" FUNDS FROM WEALTHY ARAB STATES. UNLESS ASAD'S

WINGS ARE SOON CLIPPED, BY AGAIN ISOLATING SYRIA, HE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE MISCHIEF.

3. FAHMY SAID HE HAD MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS IN PAST FEW DAYS TO THE VISITING IRAQI FONMIN NOT TO ALLOW IRAQ TO BE ENTICED BY SYRIAN BAATH PARTY'S WILES. HE THOUGHT IT TIME THAT WE, TOO, SHOW OUR DISPLEASURE WITH ASAD'S ACTIONS, USING SUCH AREA INFLUENCE AS WE HAVE TO CURB HIM. THE TIME TO DO SO IS NOW, NOT LATER. ASAD WILL NOT APPROACH OUR PROPOSAL CONSTRUCTIVELY UNTIL AND UNLESS HE AGAIN FEELS HIS ISOLATION.

4. FAHMY ASKED IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY REPLY FROM ASAD RE THE SUGGESTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. I USED THE OCCASION TO CONVEY TO HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED. FOR ASAD TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD NOW WOULD PUBLICLY SUGGEST HE IS READY TO GIVE UP HIS DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR. ASAD DOES NOT YET FEEL ANY NEED TO DO SO. FAHMY OPINED THAT IN THE END ASAD WILL RENEW UNDOF BECAUSE THE SYRIANS DARE NOT LEAVE A VACUUM IN THE GOLAN AREA INTO WHICH THE ISRAELIS MIGHT MOVE. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, HE EXPECTS ASAD TO BE HIGHLY TROUBLESOME.

5. DEPT MAY WISH PASS THIS MESSAGE TO AMMAN AND DAMASCUS.  
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